

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel without prejudice claims 37-45 and 64-66, amend claim 46 and add new claims 67-75 as indicated in the following list of pending claims.

PENDING CLAIMS

1 – 45. (Cancelled)

46. (Currently Amended): A system for accessing target tissue within a patient and isolating a body of target tissue from its supporting bed, comprising[(:)]

- a. a biopsy device having a wand[(:)] ~~said wand comprising: an elongated shaft having a distal end, a proximal end and a longitudinal axis, an electrosurgical tissue cutting electrode secured to the distal end of the shaft wand, a first electrical conductor extending within the shaft wand having a distal end electrically connected to the electrosurgical electrode and a proximal end configured to be electrically connected to an electrical power source, and at least one deployable fixation element connected to said ~~shaft wand~~;~~
- b. a replaceable drive unit having a receptacle for engaging and holding at least a portion of [(a)] the biopsy device ~~having a wand, comprising: within [(a)] the receptacle configured to engage and hold a biopsy device having a wand[(:)] an electrical connector configured to connect to an RF power source and to said biopsy device effective to provide an operable electrical connection between said biopsy device and said RF power source[(:)];~~ and a driving element ~~mechanical connector~~ configured to transfer mechanical power to said biopsy device; and

- d.** a motor unit for engaging and providing power to ~~[[a]]~~ the drive unit, comprising~~[[:]]~~ a securing mechanism effective to form a mechanically stable engagement between said motor unit and said drive ~~[[unit]]~~ element of the driving unit, and ~~a coupling mechanism configured to engage with a mechanical connector of a drive unit~~ effective to transfer mechanical power.

47. (Previously presented): The system of claim 46, wherein said at least one deployable element is selected from the group consisting of an anchoring mechanism and a side-cutting mechanism comprising a cutting element.

48. (Previously presented): The system of claim 47, wherein said anchoring mechanism is located proximal to the distal end of the shaft.

49. (Previously presented): The system of claim 47, wherein said cutting element of said side-cutting mechanism is configured to be rotated about the longitudinal axis of the shaft effective to isolate a body of target tissue when said shaft is disposed within a patient.

50. (Previously presented): The system of claim 48, comprising an anchoring mechanism and a side-cutting mechanism, wherein said cutting element of said side-cutting mechanism is configured to be rotated about the longitudinal axis of the shaft effective to isolate a body of target tissue when said shaft is disposed within a patient.

51. (Previously presented): The system of claim 46, wherein said drive unit further comprises a drive element configured to engage a shuttle effective to deploy or retract a deployable element of said biopsy device.

52. (Previously presented): The system of claim 47, wherein said tissue

anchoring mechanism comprises a radial wire.

53. (Previously presented): The system of claim 46, wherein said drive unit further comprises a drive gear configured to engage a shaft gear effective to rotate said shaft of said wand.

54. (Previously presented): The system of claim 46, wherein said mechanical connector of said drive unit further comprises a spindle, and wherein said mechanical power comprises rotary power.

55. (Previously presented): The system of claim 46, wherein said securing mechanism of said motor unit comprises a snap.

56. (Previously presented): The system of claim 46, wherein said mechanical power of said motor unit comprises rotary power and said coupling mechanism comprises a ridged sleeve configured to receive a spindle effective to transfer rotary motion.

57. (Previously presented): The system of claim 50, wherein said cutting element of the side-cutting mechanism of said biopsy device comprises an elongated electrode having a distal end secured distal to the anchoring mechanism and a proximal end secured proximal to the anchoring mechanism and said wand further comprises a second electrical conductor extending within the shaft having a distal end electrically connected to the elongated electrode and a proximal end configured to be electrically connected to an electrical power source.

58. (Previously presented): The system of claim 46, wherein said electrosurgical electrode of said biopsy device has a cutting surface spaced distal to the distal end of the shaft.

59. (Previously presented): The system of claim 47, wherein said

anchoring mechanism of said biopsy device includes a plurality of elongated members configured to expand outwardly from the elongated shaft of the biopsy device and to penetrate into target tissue.

60. (Previously presented): The system of claim 59 wherein said elongated members of said anchoring mechanism are formed at least in part of electrically conducting material.

61. (Previously presented): The system of claim 60 wherein a third electrical conductor extends within the elongated shaft of the biopsy device and has a distal end electrically connected to at least one of the elongated members and a proximal end configured to be electrically connected to an electrical power source.

62. (Previously presented): The system of claim 60 wherein the elongated members of said anchoring mechanism are metallic wires or ribbons.

63. (Previously presented): The system of claim 62 wherein the wires or ribbons are movably mounted to the elongated shaft of the biopsy device and have a contracted configuration to facilitate advancement of the biopsy device within the patient and a radially expanded configuration to penetrate into target tissue.

64. (Cancelled)

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67. (New) A system for severing a tissue body within a patient from supporting tissue, comprising:

- a. a tissue severing unit having an elongated wand with a tissue cutting element on a distal portion of the wand, at least one additional operative element on the distal portion of the wand and a housing on a proximal

- portion of the wand and moving elements within the housing for moving the tissue cutting element and at least one additional operative element;
- b. a replaceable drive unit having a recess for receiving at least a portion of the housing of the tissue severing unit and having driving elements for engaging moving elements within the housing of the tissue severing unit to operate the operative elements on the distal portion of the wand; and
- c. a motor unit having a motor, a mechanical connector configured to transfer mechanical power from the motor to the driving elements of the drive unit to operate the tissue severing element and to operate at least one other operative element of the tissue severing unit.

68. (New) The system of claim 67 including a securing mechanism effective to form a mechanically stable engagement between the motor unit and the drive unit, and a coupling mechanism configured to engage with the mechanical connector of the motor unit effective to transfer mechanical power.

69. (New) The system of claim 67, wherein the drive unit is configured to engage a shuttle operably connected to a moving member in the housing of the tissue severing unit to operate an operative element on the distal portion of the wand.

70. (New) The system of claim 67, wherein the tissue severing element is a radially deployable cutting element.

71. (New) The system of claim 70 wherein the deployable cutting element is an electrosurgical cutting element.

72. (New) The system of claim 69, wherein the drive unit includes a drive gear configured to engage a moving member within the housing of the tissue severing unit.

73. (New) The system of claim 72 wherein the moving member is a shaft gear that is effective to rotate a shaft of the tissue severing unit.

74. (New) The system of claim 67 wherein the mechanical connector includes a spindle.

75. (New) The system of claim 68 wherein the mechanical power is rotational power.